

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3750

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 7, 1991

Issuance of Certificate of)	Case No. MP-91-02
Authority No. 88 to ARTHUR J.)	
THOMAS Trading as GOLDEN EAGLE)	
SIGHTSEEING TOURS)	

Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 88, issued pursuant to the Compact 1/, Title II, Article XII, Section 4. On February 1, 1991, an amended Compact 2/ became effective. The amended Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 6 provides:

"6. (a) A person may not engage in transportation subject to this Act unless there is in force a 'Certificate of Authority' issued by the Commission authorizing the person to engage in that transportation.

"(b) On the effective date of this Act a person engaged in transportation subject to this Act under an existing 'Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity' or order issued by the Commission shall be issued a new 'Certificate of Authority' within 120 days after the effective date of this amendment.

"(c)(i) Pending issuance of the new Certificate of Authority, the continuance of operations shall be permitted under an existing certificate or order issued by the Commission which will continue in effect on the effective date of this Act.

"(ii) The operations described in paragraph (i) of this subsection shall be performed according to the rates, regulations, and practices of the certificate holder on file with the Commission on the effective date of this Act.

The amended Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 9(b) provides:

A certificate issued by the Commission authorizing irregular-route service shall be coextensive with the Metropolitan District.

1/ Public Law 86-794, 74 Stat. 1031, as amended by Public Law 87-767, 76 Stat. 764.

2/ Id. as amended by Public Law 101-505, 104 Stat. 1300.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 88 issued to Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours authorizes only irregular route transportation. Accordingly, Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours is entitled to be issued a Certificate of Authority authorizing irregular route transportation coextensive with the Commission's jurisdiction in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District. Certificate of Authority No. 88 will supersede Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 88.

Evidence of insurance on file with the Commission covering the operations of Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours shows coverage only in the amount required for vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 persons or fewer, including the driver. Therefore, Certificate of Authority No. 88 will be so restricted. Such restriction is without prejudice to the right of Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours to file an appropriate application to have the restriction removed upon the filing of proper evidence of insurance covering the operation of larger vehicles.

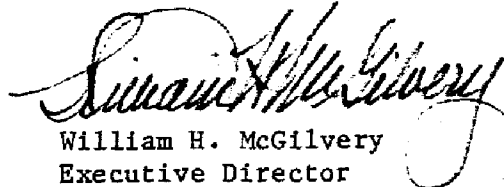
The certificate of insurance on file with the Commission covering the operations of Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours is currently acceptable for the restricted operations authorized by Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 88. However, the coverage afforded by that certificate of insurance is not adequate for operations authorized by Certificate of Authority No. 88. The Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 6(b) requires that Certificate of Authority No. 88 be issued no later than June 1, 1991, and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 88 will then be invalid. Accordingly, Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours will be directed to file a new certificate of insurance in accordance with Commission Regulation 58 no later than Thursday, May 30, 1991, so that Certificate of Authority No. 88 can be issued to authorize continued operations. Failure timely to file the required evidence of insurance will result in simultaneous issuance and suspension of Certificate of Authority No. 88 on Friday, May 31, 1991, and the carrier will not be authorized to conduct operations.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Certificate of Authority No. 88 is hereby conditionally issued to Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours as appended to this order, contingent upon timely compliance with the requirement of this order.
2. That Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours is hereby directed to file with the Commission, on or before Thursday, May 30, 1991, a certificate of insurance in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 58 and Order No. 3623, served March 8, 1991.
3. That upon timely compliance with the requirement of the preceding paragraph, Certificate of Authority No. 88 will be issued to Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 88 will stand cancelled in its entirety.

4. That unless Arthur J. Thomas trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours timely complies with the requirement of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 88 will be both issued and suspended effective Friday, May 31, 1991, and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 88 will stand cancelled in its entirety effective Friday, May 31, 1991.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS WORTHY, SCHIFTER, AND SHANNON:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

NO. 88

Arthur J. Thomas
Trading as Golden Eagle Sightseeing Tours
3103 Romain Court
Suitland, Maryland 20746

By Order Nos. 2447, 2483, 2504, and 3750 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission issued August 9, 1983; October 7, 1983; December 2, 1983; and May 7, 1991;

WHEREAS, the above-named carrier is entitled to receive authority to transport passengers within the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District;

THIS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY is hereby issued to the said carrier as evidence of the authority to engage in the for-hire transportation of passengers by motor vehicle; subject, however, to such terms conditions and limitations as are now, or may hereafter be, attached to the exercise of the privilege granted to the said carrier:

IRREGULAR ROUTES, transporting passengers between points in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District;

RESTRICTED TO (1) operations conducted according to the said carrier's applicable tariff on file with the Commission and (2) transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver; and

RESTRICTED AGAINST (1) transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia and (2) any passenger transportation for hire on an individual fare paying basis in competition with any existing, scheduled, regular-route, passenger transportation service performed by, or under a contract with, the Federal Government, a signatory to the Compact, a political subdivision of a signatory, or the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

THIS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANY TRANSPORTATION BY ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE CARRIER NAMED HEREON.

THIS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY IS NOT VALID UNLESS THE CARRIER NAMED HEREON IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION.

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IT IS A FURTHER CONDITION of this certificate of authority that the carrier named hereon shall (a) provide safe and adequate transportation service, equipment, and facilities; and (b) observe and enforce Commission regulations.